

People - Bradford, Gamaliel

Gamaliel Bradford

BRADFORD, Gamaliel, revolutionary soldier, born in Duxbury, Massachusetts, 2 September, 1731; died there, 9 January, 1807. He was a descendant of Governor William Bradford and son of Judge Gamaliel Bradford, who was a councilor under Govs. Bernard and Hutchinson, and who died 24 April, 1778, aged seventy-three years. The son served in the French war as captain and rose to the rank of major. During the revolutionary war he commanded the 14th Massachusetts regiment of continentals. After the war he was a member of the legislature and a judge.—His son, Alden, author, born in Duxbury, Massachusetts, 19 November, 1765; died in Boston, Massachusetts, 26 October, 1843. He was graduated at Harvard in 1786, and was a tutor in the College in 1791-'3, then pastor of the Congregational church in Wiscasset, Maine, till 1801, afterward for some time clerk of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, next a bookseller in Boston, and then, from 1812 to 1824, he held the office of secretary of state for the commonwealth, and in 1826 edited the Boston "Gazette." He was the author of "Eulogy on Washington" (1804); "On the Death of General Knox" (1806); "Life of C. Strong" (1820); "History of Massachusetts from 1764 till 1789," subsequently continued down to 1820 (Boston, 1822-'9); "Life of Jonathan May-hew" (1838); "History of the Federal Government" (Boston, 1840); "Biographical Notices of Distinguished Men of Massachusetts" (1842); "New England Chronology, 1497-1800" (1843); and accounts of Wiscasset and Duxbury.—His great-grandson, Gamaliel, political writer, born in Boston, 15 January, 1831, was graduated at Harvard in 1849. He is the principal advocate for the admission of cabinet officers to a seat and a voice in congress, without the right of voting.

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